

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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During Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke’s first stint as a Los Angeles County Supervisor for the Fourth District, our esteemed and distinguished colleague was instrumental in advancing the development of a park running along Admiralty Way in Marina del Rey. With park construction completed just after she left office that first time, the Board of Supervisors approved the naming of the park as the “Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Park.”

However, within the next half year, a recommendation was made to honor Mrs. Burke’s service through the renaming of the Health Services’ West District office to the “Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Health Center.” Determining that this was a more fitting tribute to Mrs. Burke due to her interest and work in the health field, the Board of Supervisors adopted this subsequent recommendation and rescinded its earlier order, instead naming the Marina del Rey Park as “Admiralty Park.”

Now, 27 years later, Supervisor Burke will complete her second stint on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, this time as the Supervisor for the Second District for the last 16 years. Given her distinguished service, along with her many firsts, including becoming the first African-American elected to our Board, it is appropriate yet again that this Board and the County as a whole recognize this extraordinary individual, who devoted her entire professional life to public service, whether as an elected official, an attorney, or as an official of the U.S. Olympics Organizing Committee.

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Knowing of her personal attachment to Marina del Rey, an area in my District yet of importance to all Supervisors as the County's "Crown Jewel," I would like to honor my colleague and my friend by renaming yet again that Marina del Rey Park to a name that rightfully belongs.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS approve the renaming of Admiralty Park in Marina del Rey to "Yvonne B. Burke Park" in recognition of her dedicated public service throughout her professional career of over 50 years, the last 16 as a colleague of ours on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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